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Governor Signs Historic Legislation by Assemblymember Nava to Streamline Emergency Services in California

Assemblymember Pedro Nava and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger held a press conference and signing ceremony in San Diego on October 3rd, to announce the signing of Assembly Bill 38, which creates a new cabinet level California Emergency Management Agency (CALEMA) by combining the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Office of Homeland Security (OHS).

The bill will give CALEMA the responsibility of overseeing and coordinating emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and homeland security activities in the state. "Emergency personnel, firefighters and law enforcement all over the state have been asking for this reform for many years. CALEMA will make the state more responsive when disaster strikes," said Nava, Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Services and Homeland Security. "Everyone saw the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina and the poor response by the federal government. We want to make sure that California's emergency response and recovery system works effectively and efficiently and can respond to the needs of its residents."



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (seated) and Assemblymember Pedro Nava (right) at the AB 38 bill signing ceremony

The Legislative Analyst's Office, the Little Hoover Commission, and the Bureau of State Audits conducted separate examinations of California's emergency preparedness and response capabilities and recommended that the Legislature streamline state operations by consolidating OES and OHS into a single entity. Assemblymember Nava's legislation will allow the state to reduce its administrative costs and reduce the conflict and duplication from having separate agencies. Additionally, it provides improved coordination and efficiency for the essential function of supporting emergency preparedness and response and protecting California and its residents.

HEALTHCARE



AB 1900

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY MADDY EMS FUNDING

Santa Barbara County was going to lose its Trauma/Emergency hospital funding on January 1, 2009 if the Governor hadn't signed Nava's legislation securing the money. As Dr. Angelo Salvucci, Medical Director of Santa Barbara County Emergency Medical Services said, "These funds will help maintain and enhance our countywide emergency medical and trauma care network by supporting all five of our hospitals and their emergency services."

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



AB 38

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Assemblymember Nava was invited by the Governor to a bill signing ceremony in San Diego to celebrate this legislation. Nava's bill creates a new emergency/disaster agency, the **California Emergency Management Agency CALEMA**, by consolidating the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS). The new department will incorporate the duties of emergency preparedness, response, and homeland security.

AB 2796

DISASTER LIABILITY PROTECTION

California businesses and nonprofit organizations now have better protection when they donate goods and services to help out in a disaster. Nava's bill provides liability protection for groups that under certain circumstances provide resources, facilities and services in response to a declared emergency at the request of local or state authorities.

ENVIRONMENT



AB 1960

COMPREHENSIVE OIL SPILL PREVENTION PROGRAM

The State of California will now have the power to shut down oil company polluters if local government delays taking action. Nava's new law sets maintenance standards for oil facilities and provides new powers to the Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources to prevent inland oil spills in California.

AB 2911

INLAND SPILLS AND OILED WILDLIFE RECOVERY

Strengthens the State's response to inland oil spills, and enhances the State's capacity to rescue oiled wildlife in the event of a spill.

AJR 49

PROTECTION FOR THE EASTERN NORTH PACIFIC GRAY WHALE

California's Gray Whale is at risk. Populations are smaller than once thought and face many threats. Nava wants Congress and the President to undertake an immediate comprehensive stock assessment of the California Gray Whale and to make the results available to the public. The measure also asks the California Fish and Game Commission to upgrade the status of the Gray Whale from 'recovered' to 'endangered.' Western coastal states designate the whale differently. The same whale off the California coast is "recovered". When it reaches Oregon, it's "endangered" and in Washington state waters, it's "sensitive."

AJR 51

OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING MORATORIUM

Calls on Congress and the President to continue the Federal Offshore Leasing moratorium, and requests Presidential withdrawal of outer continental shelf lands from any offshore drilling program, or any other coastal provisions that weaken California's role in energy siting decisions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

AB 2410

SEX CRIME VICTIMS & WITNESS PROTECTION ACT OF 2008

Protects victims and witnesses who testify in civil sexual violent predator proceedings by keeping their identifying information from the attacker.



Assemblymember Nava, City of Oxnard Officials, and Business Community Members Hold Ribbon Cutting Celebrating the State Handover of Oxnard Blvd. to the City of Oxnard

To take effect January 1st, 2009

Oxnard- Assemblymember Pedro Nava, Mayor Tom Holden, City of Oxnard, Councilmember Andres Herrera, City of Oxnard, Commissioner Jess Herrera, Oxnard Harbor District, and Nancy Lindholm, CEO Oxnard Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the handover of Oxnard Blvd/State Route 1 to the City of Oxnard. Currently, SR-1 runs through the city of Oxnard as Oxnard Blvd. The city of Oxnard will now have local control of the busy thoroughfare.



"The legislation I introduced and the governor signed makes it possible for the city of Oxnard to regain control of Highway 1. I am glad I could be of help," said Assemblymember Nava. "This is an important part of the downtown renaissance. Oxnard can now redesign the street so that it is friendlier to residents, businesses, and visitors. Also, with Caltrans taking control of Rice Road, traffic through Oxnard will be better and the Port of Hueneme, a vital economic engine for this area, will have the benefit of enhanced goods movement."

Assemblymember Nava (center), at ribbon cutting ceremony with Oxnard officials and members of the business community.

Assemblymember Nava secures \$30.5 million for 101/Rice Avenue interchange

As a California Transportation Commission member, Nava secured \$30.5 million for Rice Avenue improvements. Rice Avenue from the Port of Hueneme to Highway 101 will be designated as the new SR-1. The improvements will reduce traffic congestion in Oxnard and benefit the Port of Hueneme.

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